

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FISCAL)	RESOLUTION NO. 24-5386
YEAR 2023-24 FUNDING FOR GRANTS)	
FUNDED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION EXCISE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
TAX – BATCH 2)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, in 2006, Metro adopted Ordinance No. 06-1115, establishing a construction excise tax (CET) to generate revenue for providing grants to local governments for regional and local planning; and

WHEREAS, the CET has awarded more than \$28 million to local governments through the Community Planning and Development Grant and the Equitable Housing Planning and Development Grants program for planning work across the region; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2015, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 15-4595, which approved amendments to the Administrative Rules governing the CET program; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2017, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 17-4782, which approved additional refinements to the Administrative Rules, changed the name of the grant program to 2040 Planning and Development Grant Program, and changed the program to annual grant cycles; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2018, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 18-4882, which approved additional refinements to the Administrative Rules, providing for the creation of a technical assistance component of the program to facilitate successful implementation of 2040 Planning and Development Grants by providing additional professional expertise as needed to successfully accomplish grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2018, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-1425 which amended Metro Code chapter 7.04 to remove the provision that the CET sunset in 2020, expanded grant program eligibility to allow private entities to apply for grant funds, and implemented additional refinements to four other subsections of the code to more clearly reflect current program policies and facilitate program and CET administration; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Chief Operating Officer (COO) established a 2040 Planning and Development Grant Screening Committee (“Grant Screening Committee”) consisting of nine members with broad expertise in planning and development to provide the COO an assessment of the strength of each grant application in accordance with the criteria set forth in Metro Code Chapter 7.04 and the Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Metro COO approved revisions to the Administrative Rules in order to create a new grant category for Industrial Land Readiness and establish funding targets for Cycle 11 at \$500,000 for Concept Planning, \$1,250,000 for Equitable Development, \$250,000 for Community Engagement, and \$1,000,000 for Industrial Land Readiness; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2023, the Grant Screening Committee Chair submitted the Committee’s recommendations to Metro’s COO identifying the projects they believe best meet the stated program goals and evaluation criteria and therefore merit grant funding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 7.04 and the Administrative Rules, the COO reviewed the recommendations of the Grant Screening Committee, and presented to the Metro Council the COO's recommendations for Cycle 11 grant funding at a Council Work Session on October 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council awarded eight grants from Cycle 11 on January 25, 2024 (Resolution 23-5371) for a total amount of \$1,737,233; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has reviewed the recommendations of the COO, the work done by the Grant Screening Committee, the grant applications, and the draft Intergovernmental Agreements, scopes of work, and schedules of milestones; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council accepts the COO's recommendation to award funds as outlined in Exhibit A and as recommended by the 2040 Planning and Development Grant Screening Committee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Makes the grant awards for the fiscal year 2023-2024 grant cycle totaling \$2,680,500, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, to those grant recipients and for those projects and in the amounts listed in Exhibit A; and
2. Authorizes and directs the Metro COO and staff, and the Office of Metro Attorney, to finalize Intergovernmental Agreements with the grant recipients, which shall set forth milestones and funding disbursement dates that comply with the Metro Code Construction Excise Tax Chapter 7.04, the CET Administrative Rules, this Resolution No. 24-5386 and Exhibit A attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7th day of March, 2024.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney